

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: WAVERLY LIGHT AND POWER	DOCKET NO. WRU-04-15-766
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ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

(Issued May 10, 2004)

On April 12, 2004, Waverly Light and Power (Waverly) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for waiver of the energy efficiency plan filing requirements of Iowa Code § 476.1B (2003) and 199 IAC 36.3 for the year 2004. This rule requires nonrate-regulated utilities to file biennial energy efficiency plans. Waverly is a nonrate-regulated municipal utility. No objections to the waiver request were filed.

Iowa Code § 476.1B(2) allows the Board to waive the energy efficiency plan filing requirements for municipal utilities that "demonstrate superior results with existing energy efficiency programs." The Board granted Waverly's requests for waiver of the biennial filings in 1996, 1998, 2000, and 2002 because Waverly presented evidence of a long-term continuing commitment to the pursuit of energy efficiency opportunities. The Board noted Waverly's integrated resource plan (IRP) used methods comparable to those used by rate-regulated utilities, including econometric forecasts and extensive benefit/cost testing. Waverly's IRP indicated 2.5 percent of revenues would be spent on energy efficiency over the next ten years. Waverly Light and Power, "Order Granting Waiver," Docket No. WRU-96-5-766 (March 26, 1996).

In support of its current waiver request, Waverly provided tables showing its energy efficiency savings are about 1.4 percent of total sales. Waverly has also committed to saving an additional 15 percent of sales through energy efficiency by the year 2020.

Waverly's energy savings through the use of energy efficiency and renewables continues to compare favorably to results attained by investor-owned utilities with mandated plans. Waverly has received numerous state or national awards for its efforts. The information filed by Waverly supports its claim that it continues to produce superior results with its energy efficiency plan and the Board will grant the waiver. The Board notes that the waiver applies to the year 2004 biennial filing only. Waverly will be required to file an energy efficiency plan or request for waiver at the time its next filing is due.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The request for waiver filed by Waverly Light and Power on April 12, 2004, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 10th day of May, 2004.